

## Microsoft's Freedom To Innovate Network

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am an ardent supporter of the Microsoft Corporation and I would like to see the settlement that has been reached in the government's antitrust suit accepted by all the suing parties including the state of California in which I am a constituent. I feel that Microsoft is a good company who has been unfairly targeted in this suit. The acceptance of this settlement is essential to the well being of this nation. We need the full contribution of this company working to its greatest advantage in order to aid our economy.

The settlement is reasonable and will allow Microsoft to remain intact, under the terms of the settlement Microsoft will divulge certain internal codes and interfaces to their Windows operating system that were up until now considered trade secrets. Microsoft will also design all future versions of Windows to accommodate the products of their competitors and make it easier for these products to be used in conjunction with Windows. And finally, from here on out Microsoft will be accountable to a three-person technical committee, appointed by the government, to monitor the business practices of Microsoft in future and ensure their compliance with the settlement.

The issues that were originally brought in the suit have been met and exceeded. Any reluctance to accept this settlement are clearly politically motivated for the personal gain of those politicians involved. If they are not placated by this settlement then it is clear that they are not really interested in solving this case, they simply want to keep their names in the news. This is a flagrant waste of the taxpayers' money, which could be allocated to more important issues. Thank you for your time and for allowing me to express my opinion.

Sincerely,



Theresa Giosso